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10.		37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)							
11.		English Translation Document (if applicable)							
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